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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed.

a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages 1-25 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the claims:

pages 26-30 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:

pages 1-15 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
 pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

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PCT/US05/04422**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>2, 3, 5-7, 9-22</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1, 4, 8</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>2, 3, 5-7, 9-22</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1, 4, 8</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-22</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1, 4 and 8 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Wisner et al. (US 2002/0165944).

With respect to the claims below, references to the prior art appear in parenthesis.

Claim 1. A system for providing redundancy for an entity in a telecommunications network (**Wisner, Figure 7**), the system comprising:

a first network entity adapted to send and receive traffic (**First data center 104**); and
 a second network entity configured to operate as a standby network entity (**Second data center 106**), wherein the second network entity takes control of only a portion of the functions of the first network entity in response to a partial failure in the first network entity (**Second data center 106 takes control of the failed data storage functions 111 of the first data center 104**).

Claim 4. The system for providing redundancy for an entity in a telecommunications network in claim 1, wherein the first network entity is in a first location (**First data center 104 at site A**) and the second network entity is in a second location that is geographically remote from the first location (**Second data center 106 at site B**).Claim 8. A method for providing redundancy for an entity in a telecommunications network (**Wisner, Figure 7**), the method comprising:

detecting that a first call server has become partially or completely disabled (**Second data center 106 monitors first data center 104**); and
 redirecting at least a portion of traffic from the first call server to a second call server in a geographically remote location (**Second data center 106 takes control of the failed data storage functions 111 of the first data center 104**).

Claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 9-22 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the partial failure of a card in the network entity and the two heartbeats for maintaining its active status.

Claims 1-22 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus they have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE